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*Disafforested reserve of Kuragallu in Guntur taluk.*

677 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member and the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table a list of alienations of lands in the disafforested reserve of Kuragallu in Guntur taluk of Guntur district to the various communities with the extent of lands given together with the reasons for assigning the same;

(b) to state whether it is a fact that the lands given to the depressed classes are already leased out to other castes on long term registered leases of 50 years or more;

(c) to state whether the object of Government in assigning lands to depressed classes is not frustrated by their leasing out the lands to other people for long term leases (registered)?

A.—(a) A statement is laid on the table.\*

(b) & (c) The Collector who was called on to report has been unable to obtain any confirmation of such abuse of the concession as is indicated in clause (b). If the hon. Member is aware of any specific case in which the concession has been thus abused the Government will be glad if he will furnish them with the particulars for purposes of further enquiry.

*Mosque in the Body Guard line attached to the Government House.*

678 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when and under whose orders the mosque in the Body Guard lines attached to the Government House, Madras, was constructed and the amount spent on its construction;

(b) the amount spent for its annual upkeep or repairs, and the person in charge of the mosque at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are no Muhammadans in the Body Guard at present; why and when the Muhammadan Body Guard were displaced by a Hindu Body Guard; and

(d) whether the Motzan (a person who calls out worshippers to come and worship in the mosque) is being continued to supervise the mosque and if so, who pays him?

A.—(a) & (d) Government have no information.

(b) The Government spend nothing on the mosque and pay for no services in connection with it.

(c) There are no Muhammadans in the Body Guard at present. In 1920, under the orders of the Adjutant-General in India, the then Body Guard was disbanded and re-constituted with a troop of Jats and a troop of Rathore Rajputs.

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB:—“With reference to answers to paragraphs (a) and (d), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?”

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The hon. Mr. A. R. KNAPP :—" I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by Government calling for the information. That is as regards (a). As regards (d) I do not think it is a matter of public interest. It has already been stated that he is not paid from public funds."

Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB :—" The information would be very useful for the Muhammadan public as they should know who constructed the mosque and under whose orders."

*Memorial from Mr. Abdul Sammad of Godavari.*

679 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received a memorial from Mr. M. Abdul Sammad, probationary sub-registrar of Godavari, regarding his work in recruitment; and

(b) what action is taken by Government about the said memorial?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government do not see their way to exempt the memorialist from passing the Registration Test.

*Moslem representation in the Revenue department in Chittoor district.*

680 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number and names of Muhammadans employed in the district of Chittoor as—

- (1) deputy collectors,
- (2) tahsildars,
- (3) deputy tahsildars or sub-magistrates,
- (4) revenue inspectors, and

(b) what steps are taken to secure qualified Muhammadans for the abovesaid posts?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the latest Quarterly Civil List and the district revenue establishment list which have been placed in the Legislative Council library.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

*Railway accident near Narasaraopet on Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.*

681 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a railway accident on Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway between Satulur and Narasaraopet on the night of the 13th November 1922;

(b) what was the cause of this accident and the number of lives lost and the damage done to property;